

REMARKS

The present amendment is submitted in an earnest effort to bring this case to issue without delay.

1. The present application is a national stage of PCT/IT02/00223 and benefits from the international filing date of 9 April 2002 thereof under 35 USC 119, 120 and 121.

2. A substitute specification is provided herewith with modified section headings and a cross reference to the parent application. The large insert replaces a reference to the claims in the text by text from the original claims. The substitute specification does not contain any new matter and is accompanied by a marked up version showing the changes made.

3. An Abstract of the Disclosure on a separate sheet has been provided. It complies with the requirements contained in the second paragraph of page 2 of the office action.

4. The claims have been amended to define the invention more sharply over the references and to eliminate the informalities noted by the Examiner. New claims have been added to cover

additional features or embodiments as disclosed.

5. The claims in the case are deemed to be allowable over the combination of Fortenberry with Pellaux et al for the following reasons:

Since claims 1 to 11 are allowable over the references as applied, this case is deemed to be in condition for allowance and an early notice to that effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
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Abstract of the Disclosure